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the previous year. Including 468 proposals for an assurance of Rs. 6,25,972 pending at the commencement of the year, 8,675 proposals were accepted, 259 were rejected or postponed and 220 were cancelled, or withdrawn, leaving a balance of 299 proposals for an assurance of Rs. 4,15,700 pending at the end of the year.

Policies.

367. Out of the accepted proposals, 7,991 resulted in policies assuring a sum of Rs. 1,11,39,538.

Motor Branch.

368. The Motor Branch insured 2,047 vehicles earning a premium income of about Rs. 2,02,000 as compared with 2,097 vehicles earning a premium income of Rs. 1,86,342 in the previous year.

369. The Motor Insurance Fund as on 31st March 1954 amounted to Rs. 9,51,857 as against Rs. 8,44,883 in the previous year.

(v) Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales).

370. The Mysore Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) Amendment Act, 1953, received the assent of the President, on the 16th day of April 1953, thereby, amendment of Section 3 of Mysore Act XLIX of 1949 was effected and consequently in sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) Act, 1949, for the words 'four annas per gallon', the words 'six annas per gallon' were substituted.

371. Seven importers, three wholesalers and 116 retailers were registered as dealers in petrol under Section 4 (1) of the Act, while four importers, eight wholesalers and 65 retailers were registered as dealers in Motor Spirits other than petrol.

372. The number of monthly assessments made under petrol and Motor Spirit other than petrol were 1,681 and 797 respectively and 410 cases in petrol and 391 cases in Motor Spirit other than petrol were pending assessment at the close of the year.

373. The total demand was Rs. 36,30,448; the collection and the balance being Rs. 33,73,359, Rs. 2,57,089 respectively. Further, a sum of Rs. 399 was collected under fine, penalty, compounding fees, etc.

374. Out of 34 appeal cases, 27 were disposed of leaving a balance of seven at the close of the year.

375. In ten cases, there were arrears of Rs. 96,769 of which only Rs. 7,804 were collected leaving a balance of Rs. 88,965-2-0.

376. An additional demand of Rs. 40,609 was made under Rule 26, in cases where the tax had been short-levied. Security deposit from the dealers required under Rule 8, by the department was Rs. 78,916.

(vi) Stamps.

377. The total revenue from stamps under all heads amounted to Rs. 54,90,493 and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 1,76,855. The net revenue during the year was Rs. 53,13,638. There has been an increase in revenue during the year owing to heavy sale of stamps on account of heavy number of documents registered in the several registering offices of the State particularly during the last quarter of the year. The increase in revenue is to a certain extent due to the anticipated enhancement of Stamp Duty from 1st April 1954 by public and also to additional revenue derived from Bellary District which formed a part of Mysore State from 1st October 1953.

Institution Fees in Pauper Suits.

378. The amount outstanding recovery at the beginning of the year under this head was Rs. 2,49,017. A sum of Rs. 64,234 was awarded as fees by the several Sub-Courts during the year bringing the total to Rs. 3,13,251. A sum of Rs. 25,367 was recovered and a sum of Rs. 11,093 was remitted as irrecoverable during the year. The year closed with a balance of Rs. 2,76,790.

Important measures undertaken.

379. The rates of Stamp Duty on certain instruments were enhanced from 1st April 1954 by the Mysore Stamp (Amendment) Act, 1954 (The Mysore Act No. II of 1954) amending the Mysore Stamp Act, 1900.

380. The rates of Court fees on certain articles of Schedule II to the Mysore Court Fees Act, 1900 were also enhanced with effect from 1st April 1954 by the Mysore Court Fees (Amendment) Act, 1954 (The Mysore Act No. 9 of 1954).

381. The Mysore Amusements Tax Act, 1932 was extended to the area comprised within the following Town